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STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Note verbale dated 28 December 1993 from the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations Office at Geneva has the honour to request that documents S/24961 and Add.1, S/24428 and S/26139 of the Security Council and A/48/L.32 1/ relating to the adverse consequences for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya of the implementation of Security Council resolution 748 (1992), at the humanitarian level and for the development of the country should be circulated as official documents of the session of the Commission on Human Rights to be held from 31 January to 11 March 1994, under item 15, entitled "Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights".

As you are aware, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, as a member State of the Commission on Human Rights has always shown understanding and a desire to cooperate in respect of the objectives defined by the United Nations and by the Commission on Human Rights, particularly since it is deeply committed to the fundamental and legitimate rights of all human beings in all regions of

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1/ These documents are available for consultation at the documents counter at Door 40.

the world. It has also extended its support to many peoples and has sided with them in their efforts to be able to live in peace and dignity. Despite that, following the adoption of the aforementioned Security Council resolution, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is currently confronted with the obvious adverse consequences resulting from the embargo imposed on the Libyan people in its entirety. All spheres of daily life are affected, including the supplying of foodstuffs and medicines, a situation which clearly affects all the aid and protection programmes intended for children, mothers, disabled persons and elderly persons. This operation may be considered to contravene all the international human rights conventions, obligations and principles. The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya objects to any attempt to undermine the fundamental rights of the Libyan people, including the right to life, to adequate food, to health, to freedom of movement and to all the other recognized fundamental rights.

By addressing one of the competent organs of the United Nations, we wish to draw the attention of its members and of its committees to the situation.

We hope that you will continue to express your solidarity in the context of respect for human rights, that you will strive to mitigate the harmful effects of the embargo, that you will remove the coercive measures imposed upon us and that you will refrain from adopting further measures likely to inflict further harm on our people.